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Asger GEPPEL *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1652
Serial No.: 09/767,680) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: January 24, 2001)

For: PORPHYRIN CONTAINING LACTIC ACID BACTERIAL
CELLS AND USE THEREOF

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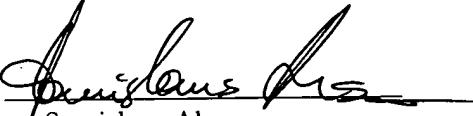
Sir:

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